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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 20, 2004

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) will hold a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on February 4, 2004, to consider an appeal by the County of Santa Cruz of the approval of Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) 1-01-170 SCR by the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This hearing is requested by the County pursuant to Public Resources Code §4516.6 (b)(1).

THP Number: 1-01-170 SCR

THP Submitter: Santa Cruz Timber Company

Location of Plan: In Santa Cruz County, approximately 1 mile north of Lompico, California, Sections 23, 24, and 26 Township 9 South, Range 2 West, MDB&M

Proposed Timber Operations: The THP proposes use of the Selection regeneration method on approximately 202 acres. The plan proposes the use of ground skidding equipment such as tractors and rubber-tired skidders as well as the helicopter yarding system.

The THP approved by the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection on October 30, 2004. The Board received a request for appeal from Santa Cruz County November 6, 2004. The County, pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations § 1055 et. seq., provided the necessary information required to process an appeal. The Board held an initial hearing on January 7, 2004, and determined, pursuant to Title 14 CCR §1055.1, that: 1) the appeal raises environmental issues which can be addressed by the Board within the limits of the PRC and the rules of the Board; and 2) the appeal raises public health and safety issues which involve threats to the lives, health, or property of county residents. Specifically, these issues are: impacts to water quality as a result of the operations and noise generation as result of the operations.

The plan submitter and the public are invited to make statements regarding the THP at the hearing, either orally or in writing, relevant to the issues raised by the County. Written comments may also be submitted, prior to the hearing, by mail to the Board. Comments sent by mail must be received by February 3, 2004 to be included in the record of hearing. Send written comments to: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460. E-mail comments may be sent to: board.public.comments@fire.ca.gov

Date of Hearing: February 4, 2004

Time of Hearing: 8:00 a.m.

Location of Hearing: State Office Building No. 9
Auditorium
744 P Street
Sacramento, California

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